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The REBIRTH of the MONSTER



THE EXCITING, HORRIFYING STORY OF HOW DR. FRANKENSTEIN CREATED A MONSTER AND GAVE IT LIFE HAS BECOME A LEGEND TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD! BUT TO A FEW, WHO LIVE NEAR THE SCENE OF THE STORY, THE TALE IS MORE THAN A LEGEND... IT IS GRIM, TERRIFYING, REALITY!

1951 FOR A HUNDRED YEARS, THE CASTLE FRANKENSTEIN HAS BEEN A SILENT RUIN. BUT NOW...

WE HAVE FOUND IT! THE DOOR OF IRON... JUST AS THE LEGEND SAYS... BUT PLEASE, NICOLLO... WE MUST GO NO FURTHER!

BAH! WHAT KIND OF ADVENTURER ARE YOU? WE HAVE COME SO FAR-- WE GO ON!

FRANKENSTEIN AND HIS MONSTER-- THE STORIES SAY THEY ARE BOTH SEALED IN THERE! WHO KNOWS WHAT WE MAY FIND?

YES, WHO KNOWS! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE LEGEND OF FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER, WHY DO YOU FEAR WHAT MAY BE BEYOND THE IRON DOOR?



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SO TWO MEN DIE, AND AT LAST...

THIS PLACE
REEKS OF
DEATH!

LOOK! **THERE** IS
YOUR MYTH... YOUR
LEGEND! NOW DO
YOU BELIEVE?



THE
MONSTER!
IT IS SO!

GAZE UPON HIS
UGLINESS... LOOK
HOW WELL PRESERVED
HIS FACE OF HORROR
IS! **DEAD** ALL THESE
YEARS...



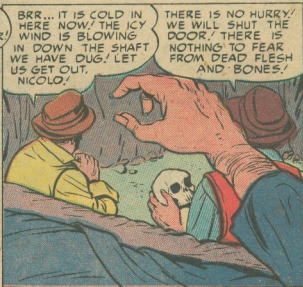
AND THESE BONES,
NICOLO... THEY WERE
ONCE A MAN...

YES... THEY WERE ONCE
A MAN... DR. FRANKENSTEIN!
... THE MONSTER'S CREATOR!
HIS CARCASS ROTTED
LONG BEFORE HIS
MONSTER'S DID!



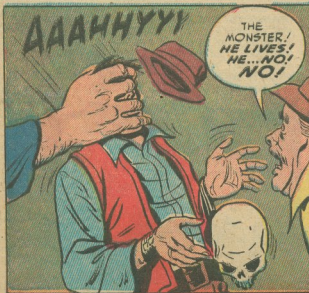
BRR... IT IS COLD IN
HERE NOW! THE ICY
WIND IS BLOWING
IN DOWN THE SHAFT
WE HAVE DUG! LET
US GET OUT,
NICOLO!

THERE IS NO HURRY!
WE WILL SHUT THE
DOOR! THERE IS
NOTHING TO FEAR
FROM DEAD FLESH
AND BONES!

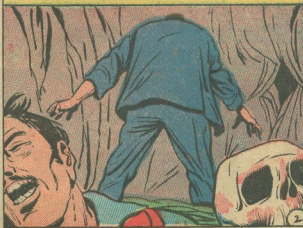


AAAHYYY!

THE
MONSTER!
HE LIVES!
HE... NO!
NO!



THE UNEARTHLY SCREAMS OF TWO MEN... THEN
SILENCE, AND OUT OF THE BLACK PIT WHERE
HE HAS SLEPT FOR A CENTURY, NOW REVIVED
BY THE COLD, ICY AIR, THE FRANKENSTEIN
MONSTER EMERGES...



NO, IT...IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
THE STORIES CAN'T BE
TRUE...YET...WHAT
ELSE COULD THAT
FIGURE BE...BUT
THE MONSTER ATOP
FRANKENSTEIN
CASTLE!



YOUR EYES GROW OLD, STEFAN!
COME NOW, ADMIT IT! YOU SAW
NOTHING! MONSTER INDEED!
A MAN MAKES A MONSTER
AND SEALS HIMSELF UP
WITH IT! WHY WOULD
ANYONE DO THAT?

BECAUSE THE
OLD FRANKENSTEIN
COULD NOT DE-
STROY WHAT HE
MADE...BECAUSE
HE HAD TO PROTECT
THE WORLD FROM...
LISTEN...OUTSIDE!



NOW WILL YOU
BELIEVE?

THE
MONSTER!
RUN FOR
COVER!

THOSE WHO COULD FLEE FOUND SAFETY...THE
OTHERS, DEATH! AND BEHIND HIM, THE
MONSTER LEAVES A PATH OF DESTRUCTION!



SO, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, THERE
ARE FEVERISH PREPARATIONS IN CASE THE
BEAST RETURNS! AND NEXT NIGHT...

THIS BARRICADE AND
THESE GUNS SHOULD
STOP HIM IF...

HE'S COMING!
THE MONSTER
IS COMING!



THE
BULLETS
DO NOT
STOP
HIM!

BANG.

BANG.



AGAIN THE SCREAMS, AGAIN THE HAVOC, AND AGAIN THE MONSTER LEAVES A TRAIL OF MAIMED AND DEAD!



WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO DESERVE THIS HORROR? WE ESCAPE THE RAVAGES OF WAR ... ONLY TO MEET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER!

AYE! WE COWER IN OUR BEDS WHILE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE MAN WHO CREATED THE MONSTER LIVE IN LUXURY IN AMERICA! IT IS **THEY** WHO SHOULD DIE, NOT US!



THE LEGENDS SAY THE FIRST DR. FRANKENSTEIN LEFT NOTES, PAPERS, PERHAPS THESE PAPERS TELL HOW TO CONTROL THE MONSTER ...

OR DESTROY HIM... NO, FRANKENSTEIN HIMSELF COULDN'T DESTROY HIM... BUT PERHAPS HIS GREAT GRANDSON IN AMERICA WILL FEEL IT IS HIS DUTY TO TRY TO HELP US! WE MUST CONTACT HIM!



IN AMERICA... BUT, DR. FRANKENSTEIN, SURELY YOU DON'T TAKE THIS CABLE SERIOUSLY! MONSTERS, MURDER... IT SOUNDS LIKE AN INSANE NIGHTMARE!

IT IS A NIGHTMARE, BUT NOT INSANE! I THOUGHT THE MONSTER WAS DESTROYED A CENTURY AGO! I MUST DESTROY IT **NOW!**

YOU ARE GOING TO EUROPE? NOW?

IT WAS MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER WHO CREATED THIS BEING! IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT I SHOULD STOP THIS IF I CAN!



THAT NIGHT, DR. FRANKENSTEIN ... TAKES OFF FOR EUROPE ...

BULLETS DON'T STOP HIM... HIS TOUGH LEATHERY SKIN AND MUSCLE, SEAL THE HOLE LEFT BY THE BULLETS IMMEDIATELY! I REMEMBER THE MONSTER USED TO BE AFRAID OF FIRE ... A CENTURY AGO... BUT BY NOW HE MAY BE IMPERVIOUS TO THAT...



DAYS LATER, IN THE TOWN THE MONSTER IS DESTROYING!

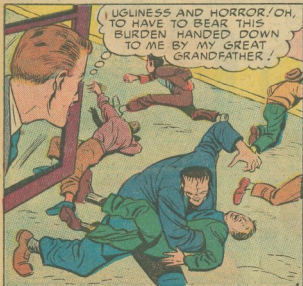


I CAME AS SOON AS I RECEIVED YOUR CABLE! I DID NOT NEED PROOF OF THE MONSTER'S EXISTENCE, FOR I AM THE FIRST TO BELIEVE IN HIS EVIL!

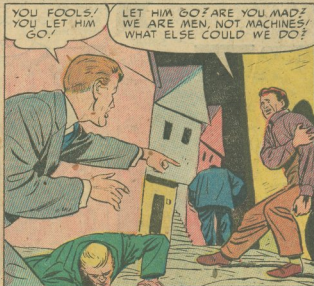
WE DO NOT HATE YOU, DOCTOR! BUT WE CANNOT HELP FEEL RESENTMENT TOWARD YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER AND HIS DESCENDANTS FOR BRINGING THIS HORROR UPON US!

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO PUT AN END TO HIM?

I DON'T BELIEVE SO! HE IS OF HUMAN FLESH AND BONES, BUT THE SPARK OF LIFE WITHIN HIM IS DIFFERENT FROM OURS! I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM... PERHAPS WHEN I DO, I... YOU WILL SEE HIM NOW! THE MONSTER COMES!



UGLINESS AND HORROR! OH, TO HAVE TO BEAR THIS BURDEN HANDED DOWN TO ME BY MY GREAT GRANDFATHER!



YOU FOOLS! YOU LET HIM GO!

LET HIM GO? ARE YOU MAD? WE ARE MEN, NOT MACHINES! WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?



YOU COULD FIGHT! HE COMES AMONG YOU, KILLS, MAIMS, DESTROYS... AND YOU RUN! HE HUNTS YOU LIKE VERMIN... WHEN YOU SHOULD HUNT HIM!

SO THIS IS YOUR SOLUTION! THAT WE SHOULD GO LOOKING FOR DEATH INSTEAD OF STAVING IT OFF! BAH!



SO LONG AS HE CAN COME AMONG YOU WHEN HE PLEASES, HE HAS NO FEARS! BE THE HUNTER, NOT THE HUNTED! MAKE HIM FEAR YOU!



GET TORCHES!

HE IS RIGHT! LET US FIND HIM!

SOON AFTER, A WEIRD PROCESSION STARTS OUT...



HERE IT IS, BUT IT HAS BEEN LOCKED FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS!

STAND BACK, EVERYONE!



AND BE READY FOR ANYTHING!

THE DOOR... IT'S OPEN!



HIS TRACKS LED INTO THIS CEMETERY, BUT WE HAVE LOST THEM NOW!

IS THERE A VAULT HERE WHERE THE FRANKENSTEIN FAMILIES ARE INTERNED?



INSIDE...



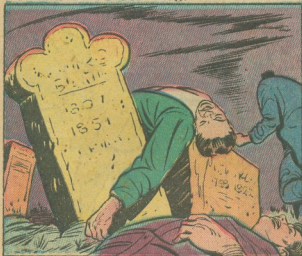
THEN, THE BATTLE BEGINS!



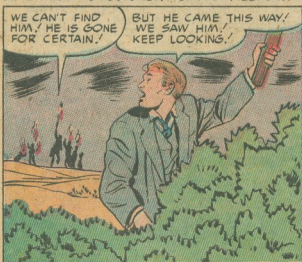
..AND SOME MEN DIE AS THE OTHERS TRY VAINLY TO EXTINGUISH WITH FIRE THE SPARK OF LIFE WITHIN THE MONSTER...



WHERE LIFE EXISTED A MINUTE AGO, NOW THE NEWLY-DEAD JOIN THE CENTURY OLD DEAD...AND THE MONSTER SURGES ON...



THEN, THE CHASE IS ON! IT LEADS THROUGH THE BONE-WHITE TOMBSTONES, ACROSS FIELDS...



WE CAN'T FIND HIM! HE IS GONE FOR CERTAIN!

BUT HE CAME THIS WAY! WE SAW HIM! KEEP LOOKING!

THERE IS NO USE! WE WILL ALL DIE! THERE HE GOES... WE CAN DO NOTHING!

NO! NO! WE MUST GO ON AND HUNT HIM DOWN! SEE AT LEAST HE FLEES FROM US NOW! WE CANNOT GIVE UP NOW!



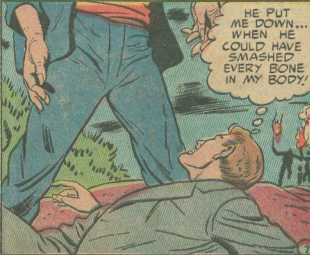
A WEEK AGO I WAS SITTING IN AN AIR-CONDITIONED LABORATORY IN NEW YORK! IS THIS A DREAM...OR WAS THE OTHER A DREAM?



FOR A LONG MOMENT, THE MONSTER COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE DESCENDANT OF HIS CREATOR!



AND THEN, ALMOST GENTLY, THE MONSTER DROPS HIS VICTIM ON THE GROUND, AND TURNS AWAY...



HE PUT ME DOWN... WHEN HE COULD HAVE SMASHED EVERY BONE IN MY BODY!

WITH A DESPERATE EFFORT, DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN HEAVES THE TORCH AT THE MONSTER'S HEAD.



THE FLAMING, STICKY TAR ON THE TORCH HOLDS IT TO THE MONSTER'S FACE...



AND HE STUMBLES OFF, BE-WILDERED, TOWARD THE RIVER....



HE'S GONE! YOU DID IT, DOCTOR! BUT HE COULD HAVE KILLED YOU-- AND HE DIDN'T. WHY?

BECAUSE WHEN HE SAW MY FACE, HE THOUGHT I WAS HIS CREATOR. TIME MEANS NOTHING TO HIM AND I DO RESEMBLE MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER. AND HE WANTED ME OR HIS CREATOR TO LIVE-- BECAUSE HE HATES HIS CREATOR AND WANTS HIM TO **SEE AND SUFFER** THE HORRORS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE THING HE HAD CREATED... BUT IS THIS THE END?



BUT FAR DOWN THE RIVER..

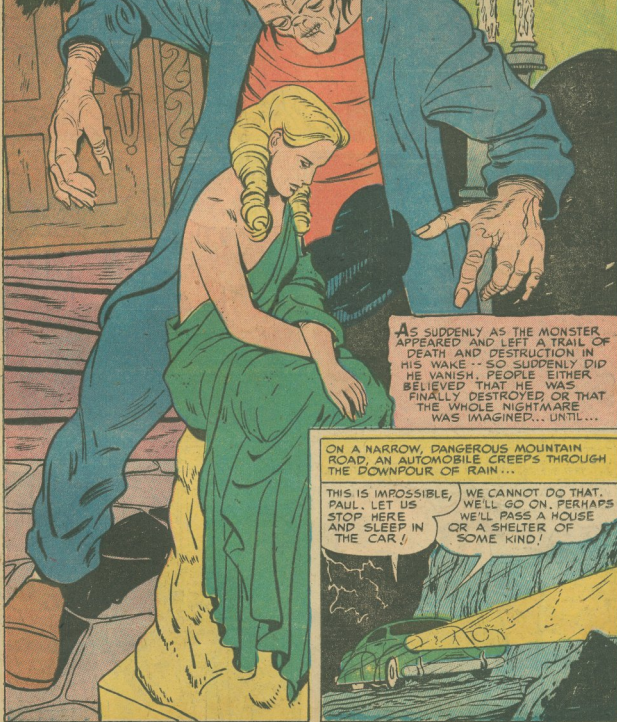


AND IT IS AS IF AN INHUMAN VOICE CROAKS-- 'LIVE, FRANKENSTEIN! LIVE TO SEE THE HORROR THAT I SHALL YET BRING TO THIS PUNY RACE OF MORTALS THAT DESPISES ME! **THIS IS NOT THE END!**'



THE END

The MONSTER and the Statue!



AS SUDDENLY AS THE MONSTER APPEARED AND LEFT A TRAIL OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN HIS WAKE -- SO SUDDENLY DID HE VANISH. PEOPLE EITHER BELIEVED THAT HE WAS FINALLY DESTROYED OR THAT THE WHOLE NIGHTMARE WAS IMAGINED... UNTIL...

ON A NARROW, DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN ROAD, AN AUTOMOBILE CREEPS THROUGH THE DOWNPOUR OF RAIN...

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, PAUL. LET US STOP HERE AND SLEEP IN THE CAR.!

WE CANNOT DO THAT. WE'LL GO ON. PERHAPS WE'LL PASS A HOUSE OR A SHELTER OF SOME KIND!





HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS? THIS IS NEAR WHERE HE WAS LAST SEEN!

THE MONSTER WOULDN'T COME OUT ON SUCH A NIGHT, ONLY FOOLS LIKE US ARE TO BE FOUND!



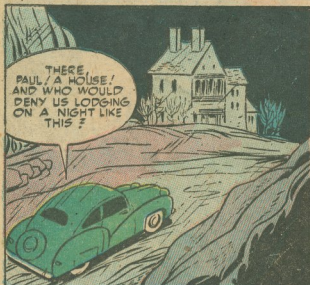
WE'LL FIND LODGING SOON... DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONSTER...

PLEASE! LET'S NOT MENTION HIM! LET'S TALK OF A WARM ROOM WITH A CHEERY FIRE!



WHY BE AFRAID TO MENTION THE MONSTER? IT APPEARS HE HAS GONE INTO RETIREMENT! NO ONE HAS SEEN OR HEARD OF HIM FOR MONTHS! PERHAPS HE HAS BEEN DESTROYED...

PERHAPS... PERHAPS NOT!



THERE PAUL, A HOUSE! AND WHO WOULD DENY US LODGING ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?



THE MOTOR OF OUR CAR IS WET AND THREATENS TO STOP ALTOGETHER! CAN YOU RENT US LODGING FOR THE NIGHT?

THIS IS NOT A HOTEL! YOU WILL FIND A HOTEL ABOUT TWENTY KILOMETERS ALONG THE MOUNTAIN ROAD!



THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! LOOK... WE CAN WELL AFFORD TO PAY WHAT YOU WANT... IF IT IS WITHIN REASON!

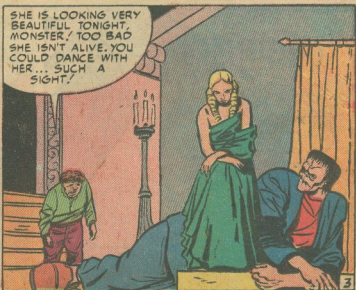
WE'D BE VERY GRATEFUL! COME, LET US IN!

ENTER! WE SHALL SEE!



MARTHA, THESE MEN WANT LODGING FOR THE NIGHT! THEY SAY THEY WILL PAY WELL!

FOLLOW ME! I WILL SHOW YOU TO A ROOM!



AH, BUT I SUPPOSE IT IS BEST SHE IS A THING OF STONE! IF SHE COULD SEE YOUR FACE... OH, AND MINE... SHE WOULD SHRIEK AND RUN AWAY!



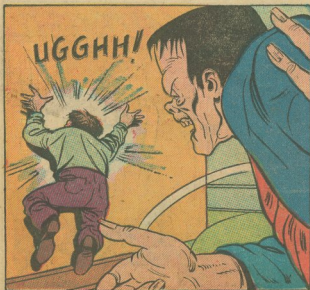
SHE SHOULD BE HAPPY HERE! IT IS QUIET, WITH NO STUPID PEOPLE STARING AT HER ALL DAY, LIKE THEY DID AT THE MUSEUM YOU STOLE HER FROM!



AND STUPID PEOPLE ALL OVER SHOULD BE HAPPY YOU STOLE HER, FOR YOU HAVE A TOY NOW THAT KEEPS YOUR LITTLE MIND OCCUPIED, SO THAT YOU DO NOT GO OUT AND KILL AND DESTROY! PERSONALLY, I THOUGHT A LOT MORE OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE A DESTRUCTIVE MONSTER THAN NOW, WHEN YOU LOOK TENDERLY AT A PIECE OF STONE!



WELL, GOOD DAY, MONSTER! I GUESS I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF! YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE OF STONE LIKE THIS STATUE!



UGH... I'LL... GET HIM... FOR THIS! I'LL MAKE HIM SORRY FOR THIS!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I CAN MAKE HIM SUFFER! THE STATUE! IF I COULD GET IT AWAY FROM HIM... OR HAVE IT DESTROYED...



KNOCK!
KNOCK!



SOMEONE WANTS TO GET IN! SHALL WE PRETEND WE'RE ASLEEP?

LET'S OPEN IT! ANYBODY WHO HAS EVIL INTENTIONS WOULDN'T KNOCK FIRST!



THE OLD MAN AND WOMAN ARE ASLEEP! IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING THAT WILL INTEREST YOU! AND POSSIBLY MEAN A CASH REWARD, FOLLOW ME!



YOU ACT VERY MYSTERIOUS, BUT IT IS IN KEEPING WITH EVERYTHING ELSE WE'VE SEEN HERE...

THERE IS MUCH MORE TO SEE! NOW UP THOSE STAIRS... INTO THE ROOM AT THE **END OF THE CORRIDOR...**



THAT MARTHA WOMAN WARNED US TO STAY IN OUR ROOM! DO YOU THINK...

WHAT HAVE WE TO FEAR? LET'S FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



A STATUE! NOTHING BUT A STATUE!

A STATUE! BUT DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THAT STATUE? THAT IS THE ONE **STOLEN** FROM THE MUSEUM FOUR MONTHS AGO! THERE IS A HIGH REWARD FOR ITS RETURN!



QUICKLY, LET'S
TAKE THIS AND
LEAVE THIS
PLACE! THE
REWARD
WILL BE
OURS!

NO! THERE'S
SOMETHING
WEIRD GOING
ON HERE!
LEAVE THE
STATUE ALONE!
WE CAN NOTIFY
THE POLICE!

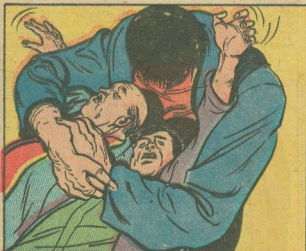
LOOK!

... ANOTHER DOOR
OPENS, AND...

LOOK!

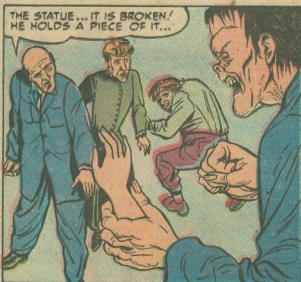
THE
FRANKENSTEIN
MONSTER!

THE TERRIFIED MEN UPSET THE STATUE, IT
SMASHES ONTO THE FLOOR! THE MONSTER
SURVEYS THE SHATTERED PIECES OF HIS
BELOVED FIGURINE WITH MOUNTING FURY!



THERE ISN'T EVEN TIME FOR THE MEN TO SCREAM BE-
FORE THEIR LIVES ARE SNAPPED OUT OF THEM!

THE STATUE... IT IS BROKEN!
HE HOLDS A PIECE OF IT...



ONCE MORE, THE MONSTER SEES AN ENEMY IN HUMANS, AND
THOSE BEFORE HIM BECOME AS MATCHSTICKS IN HIS HANDS!

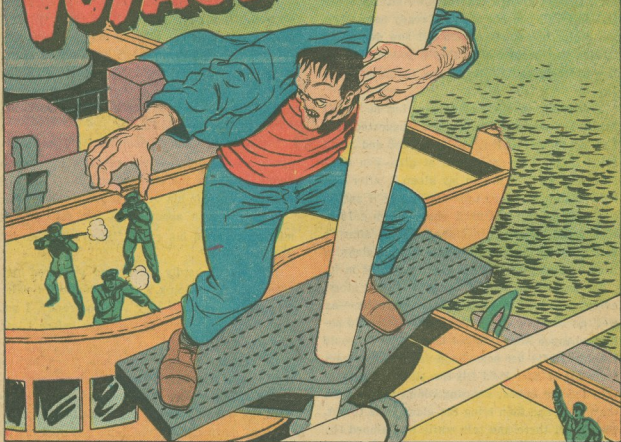


TO KILL, TO DESTROY... THAT IS THE
MONSTER'S ONLY DRIVE. THE HUMAN
RACE DIDN'T KNOW HOW FORTUNATE
IT WAS WHEN THE MONSTER HAD HIS
STATUE. NOW IT IS GONE, AND THE
MONSTER'S HATRED FOR PUNY MEN
IS INCREASED A THOUSAND FOLD!



SOMEWHERE IN THE BOWELS OF THE GREAT SHIP
THE MONSTER LAY HIDDEN, SAFE TO KILL, TO
DESTROY-- SAFE TO SEEK VENGEANCE UPON HIS
CREATOR-- UNTIL TWO KILLERS AS MONSTROUS
AS HIMSELF CROSSED HIS PATH ON...

VOYAGE of DEATH



AN OCEAN LINER TAKES ON CARGO IN THE PORT OF
LE HAVRE. IN THE DARKNESS OF THE DOCK, AN
EXTRA PASSENGER IS ABOUT TO BOARD THE SHIP.



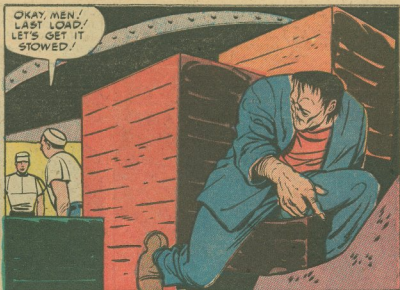
THE LOADING NET LIFTS THE LAST CARGO OF
CRATES AND BOXES, ALONG WITH THE
CONCEALED PASSENGER.



ANOTHER PASSENGER ON THAT SHIP
IS DR. FRANKENSTEIN, AMERICA-BOUND!

ALL THE WAY TO THIS PORT I HAD
THE FEELING THAT I WAS BEING
FOLLOWED... AND EVEN HERE...
BUT THAT IS NONSENSE, OF
COURSE!

OKAY, MEN!
LAST LOAD!
LET'S GET IT
STOWED!



FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A HULKING FIGURE STAYS
HIDDEN IN THE BLACK CAVERN OF THE HOLD! THEN...

YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU
DOING IN THAT HATCH AT
TWO IN THE MORNING?
YOU... AH...
THAT FACE!



FOUR HUNDRED
BUCKS! NOT BAD
FOR THE SECOND
NIGHT OUT! THOSE
CHUMPS NEVER
DID TUMBLE
THAT WE
WERE USING
MARKED
CARDS!

KEEFER!
LOOK UP
THERE!



THAT...
THAT
THING!
WHAT
IS IT?

I DON'T KNOW
AND I'M NOT
WAITING TO FIND
OUT! LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE!



AND BACK AT DR. FRANKENSTEIN'S CABIN!

NO, IT CAN'T BE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HE COULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED
ME HERE!



GONE! STEWARD,
DID YOU SEE A...
A MAN HERE A
MOMENT AGO?

NO SIR! AS A MATTER OF
FACT, I WAS COMING TO
GET YOU! YOU ARE A
DOCTOR! WE NEED YOUR
HELP!



HE MUST HAVE FALLEN
TO HIS DEATH FROM
THAT DECK UP
THERE!

NO! NO TEN OR TWELVE
FOOT FALL COULD HAVE
DONE THIS! ALMOST EVERY
BONE IS BROKEN... AS IF HE
WERE SMASHED DOWN WITH
TERRIBLE FORCE! WHY... I
KNOW WHO DID
THIS...



YOU
SAY THIS
MONSTER
KILLED
HIM? AND
THEN
SHOWED
HIMSELF
TO YOU?

THE MONSTER HATES
ME! THIS IS HIS
REVENGE! TO
COMMIT HORROR
AFTER HORROR
SO THAT I WILL
KNOW AND SUFFER
AND BLAME
MYSELF!

HE'S ON
THIS SHIP!
HE'LL KILL
AGAIN!

WE'LL SEARCH
THE SHIP! IF HE'S
ABOARD, WE'LL
FIND HIM!



WHAT A STORY! A MONSTER ON THE
LOOSE! IF WE DON'T TANGLE WITH
THE MONSTER, WE HAVE SOMETHING
MADE TO ORDER
FOR US!

WHAT ARE YOU
DRIVING, AT?



GYPPIING PASSENGERS AT
CARDS IS KID'S PLAY! WE
CAN STRIP THIS SHIP CLEAN,
AND LET THE BLAME FALL
ON THE MONSTER...OR
WHATEVER IT IS!

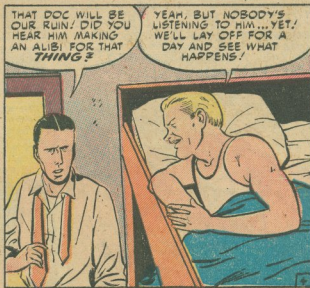
SAY... THAT'S GREAT!
ALL WE HAVE TO
DO IS MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE THE
MONSTER DID
THE JOB!



LATER... THAT'S
FOR
OPENING THE
DOOR WHEN
I KNOCKED!

THIS GUY'S LOADED
WITH DOUGH... AND
HIS WIFE'S DIAMONDS
ARE WORTH A
FORTUNE! LET'S
GET 'EM!





FOR A DAY, THE SEARCH GOES ON! BUT...

KEEPER, I DON'T LIKE IT! EVERY CREW MEMBER IS CARRYIN' A ROD! IF THEY EVER TUMBLED...

THEY WON'T! EVERYONE THINKS THE MONSTER IS DOING THESE KILLINGS! FOR THIS KIND OF TAKE, IT'S WORTH THE RISK!



LATER... FOUR MURDERS IN FOUR DAYS! DEATH! ROBBERY! IF WE DON'T FIND THAT MONSTER...

BUT I TELL YOU IT'S **NOT** THE MONSTER! SOMEONE ELSE ON BOARD IS DOING THIS HORROR! I KNOW!



THAT DOES IT! IF WE DON'T SHUT HIM UP, WE'RE DONE! SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL LISTEN TO HIM!

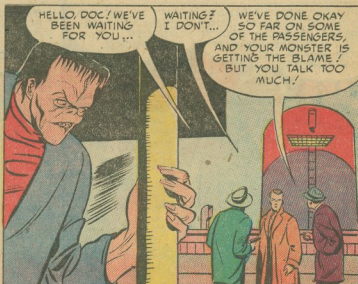
YEAH! OKAY! FIRST CHANCE WE GET... HE GETS IT!



HELLO, DOC! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...

WAITING? I DON'T...

WE'VE DONE OKAY SO FAR ON SOME OF THE PASSENGERS, AND YOUR MONSTER IS GETTING THE BLAME! BUT YOU TALK TOO MUCH!



THEN, YOU... THOSE... KILLINGS! YOU'RE THE ONE! YOU... UGH!

RIGHT, DOC! BUT YOU'RE NOT TELLING ANYBODY! YOU'RE GOING TO BE KILLED... BY THE MONSTER... NOW!



IT IS NOT IN THE MONSTER'S PLANS FOR FRANKENSTEIN TO DIE! HE MUST LIVE... TO SUFFER!

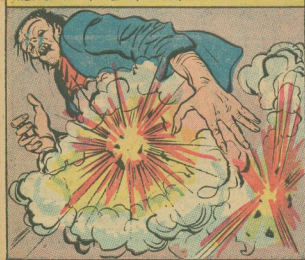
NOW, WE MAKE IT LOOK LIKE ONE OF THE MONSTER'S JOBS AND WE'RE CLEAR!

KEEPER! LOOK!



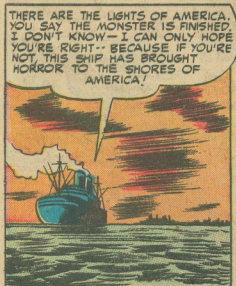


EVEN IF GRENADES CANNOT KILL THIS MONSTER, THEY CAN RIP, TEAR, HURT!



MADDENED WITH PAIN, THE BEAST FLEES TO THE ONLY HAVEN HE CAN SEE ...





SHE WAS PLAIN MARIE CACHON, A HOUSEWIFE WHO LOVED HER HUSBAND... UNTIL THE NIGHT THERE CREPT INTO HER SOUL...

The SPIRIT of the LEOPARD



IT HAD BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE HENRI PEROT, FRENCH ADMINISTRATOR IN AFRICA'S IVORY COAST, HAD VISITED THE JUNGLE PLANTATION OF HIS FRIEND, PAUL CACHON. THE MOMENT HE STEPPED FROM HIS BOAT, HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG...

HOW THIN YOU LOOK, PAUL. THE JUNGLE IS TAKING ITS TOLL. I HAVE COME TO BRING YOU AND YOUR LOVELY WIFE NEWS OF CIVILIZATION!

YOU ARE KIND, HENRI. YOU MUST STOP FOR... FOR A WHILE. WE WILL BANQUET TONIGHT IN YOUR HONOR!

AT LEAST YOU EAT VERY WELL, MY FRIEND. BUT, MARIE... WHY DOESN'T YOUR WIFE JOIN US? YOU KNOW I AM VERY FOND OF HER!

AH... THEN YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT MARIE. ABOUT THE MADNESS THAT SEIZES HER.





MADNESS? WHAT...?

YES, MADNESS! SHE IS THERE, BEHIND THOSE BARS... FOR HER OWN PROTECTION! SHE WISHES IT! BE SEATED! AND I WILL TELL YOU HOW IT BEGAN!

"WHEN MARIE WAS ONLY A CHILD, SHE WANDERED DEEP INTO THE WOODS NEAR HER NATIVE VILLAGE IN FRANCE! HER SEARCH FOR WILD FLOWERS LED HER ON UNTIL SHE WAS LOST! IT WAS THEN THAT SHE STUMBLED ON A TERRIFYING SCENE ...



THERE... WE ARE DISCOVERED! SEIZE HER! SHE MUST NOT ESCAPE TO TELL THAT WE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAST HERE!



BY THE SIGN OF THE WEREWOLF YOU ARE MADE ONE OF US! THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAST IS IN YOU FOREVER!

LET ME GO, YOU MEN OF THE DEVIL! YOU LIE!



ONCE THEY HAD FINISHED THEIR AWFUL BAPTISM, THEY RELEASED HER AND SHE RAN HOME SOBBING WITH FRIGHT!

GO, CHILD OF THE BEAST! BUT NEVER REVEAL WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE OR YOU WILL BE DEATH TO THOSE YOU LOVE!

YEARS PASSED AND MARIE ALMOST FORGOT HER ORDEAL! WE MARRIED AND WENT TO MARSEILLE ON OUR HONEYMOON! THERE, AS WE WERE WINDOW-SHOPPING ONE DAY!



I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE MY WIFE, MARIE! YOU HAVE GIVEN ME MORE HAPPINESS THAN I DESERVE!

PAUL, THAT MAN IN THE CLOAK! HE IS FOLLOWING ME! SEE HOW HE IS SMILING! NOW I REMEMBER HIM! THE MAN OF THE DEVIL!



YOU MUST TAKE ME AWAY FROM FRANCE, PAUL! HERE I WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN FEAR! NOW I KNOW THEY WILL ALWAYS BE NEAR!

THEY? DON'T BE SILLY, DARLING! WHO COULD HURT YOU NOW THAT YOU HAVE ME TO PROTECT YOU?

"SHE TOLD ME THEN OF HER FORCED INITIATION TO THE CULT OF BEAST WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD! I HAD HEARD OF SUCH THINGS! I TOO WAS AFRAID FOR HER AND FOR OUR HAPPINESS, WITHIN A WEEK, WE SAILED FOR AFRICA!"

WE WILL HAVE A GOOD LIFE HERE ON THE IVORY COAST, MARIE! AND A COMFORTABLE ONE! IT IS PERHAPS BETTER FOR MANY REASONS THAT WE LEFT FRANCE!

I SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID HERE, PAUL! BUT SOMEHOW... SOMETHING EVIL LURKS IN THE JUNGLES!



"I TOLD HER THAT SHE WAS FOOLISH, THAT THOSE AGENTS OF THE EVIL COULD NEVER FIND HER IN AFRICA! FOR YEARS IT SEEMED I WAS RIGHT! THEN ONE NIGHT, I AWOKE TO THE BEATING OF DRUMS IN THE JUNGLE DARKNESS!"

MARIE... SHE IS GONE! BUT W-WHERE?

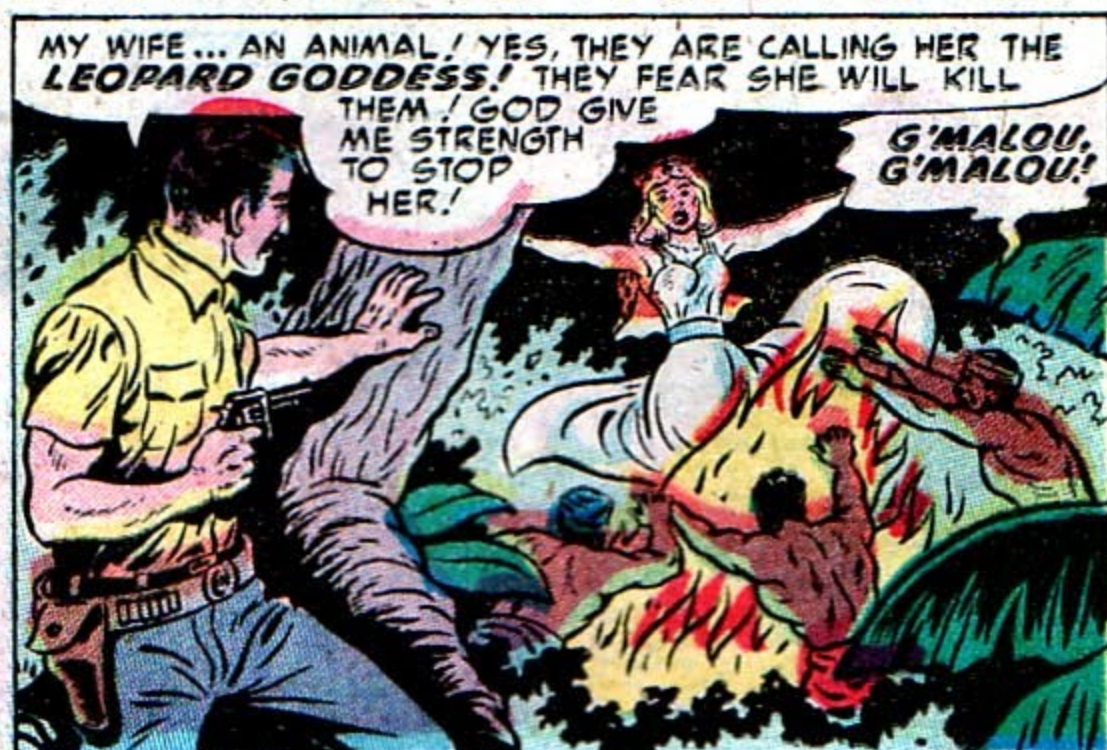


PERHAPS SHE IS HERE IN THE NATIVE VILLAGE! MON DIEU, IF SHE IS ALONE AND DEFENSELESS IN THE JUNGLE, SHE WILL BE KILLED!



"I REACHED A CLEARING AND SAW HER! SHE WAS SNARLING LIKE A BEAST, DANCING WILDLY BEFORE A FIRE, TRAMPLING ON THE NATIVES WHO HURLED THEMSELVES AT HER FEET..."

MY WIFE... AN ANIMAL! YES, THEY ARE CALLING HER THE LEOPARD GODDESS! THEY FEAR SHE WILL KILL THEM! GOD GIVE ME STRENGTH TO STOP HER!



MARIE, YOU DO NOT KNOW ME, YOUR HUSBAND? YOU MUST COME WITH ME!

G'MALOU WILL KILL THE WHITE MAN FOR THIS! G'MALOU MUST HAVE BLOOD!



AT LAST I SUBDUED HER, 'THOUGH SHE HAD AN INHUMAN STRENGTH! I BROUGHT HER BACK TO OUR HOME AND PUT HER TO BED!

MY POOR MARIE! YOU WERE RIGHT! EVEN HERE YOU ARE NOT SAFE! BUT I WILL PROTECT YOU!



THE NEXT MORNING, MARIE REMEMBERED NOTHING...

IT IS SO STRANGE! WHEN I AWOKE, I FOUND WOUNDS ON MY HANDS... AS IF I HAD STRUGGLED WITH SOMEONE! AND THAT GIRL IS SO FRIGHTENED OF ME!

IT IS NOTHING, MY DEAR! YOU MUST HAVE SCRATCHED YOURSELF AND YOU ONLY IMAGINE SHE IS AFRAID!



"NOTHING! I TRIED TO TELL MYSELF IT WAS NOTHING, THAT MARIE HAD SIMPLY WALKED IN HER SLEEP! FOR MONTHS WE WERE HAPPY AND UNWORRIED! AND THEN..

AGAIN... SHE IS GONE! IT IS MY FAULT! I SHOULD HAVE WATCHED HER MORE CLOSELY WHEN THE MOON IS FULL!



"I STRAPPED ON MY GUN AND RAN TO THE NATIVE VILLAGE! IT WAS DESERTED, DARK AND SILENT! BUT THERE SEEMED TO BE IN IT A TERROR THAT I COULD ALMOST TOUCH! THEN FROM BEHIND A HUT, CREPT THE WITCH DOCTOR!

SHE HAS KILLED! G'MALOU, THE LEOPARD GODDESS ENTERED OUR VILLAGE AND KILLED ONE OF OUR MEN WHILE HE SLEPT! SHE IS IN THE JUNGLE NOW, THIRSTING FOR BLOOD!

QUICK! WE MUST FIND HER, BEFORE SHE KILL OTHERS!



DO NOT KILL HER! WE MUST TAKE HER ALIVE! SHE IS MY WIFE AND I CANNOT HELP LOVING HER!

SHE IS THE SPIRIT OF THE LEOPARD G'MALOU... THE EVIL ONE!



NO, MARIE... YOU CAN'T... YOU ARE... POSSESSED...

G'MALOU, SHE KILLS!

ARRGHH!



"IT TOOK ALL OUR FORCE TO OVER-COME HER! SHE FOUGHT WITH CLAWS AND FANGS AND THE STRENGTH OF THE DEVIL! FINALLY, SHE LAY PANTING AND SNARLING UP AT ME WITH NO RECOGNITION IN HER EYES!

NOW **SHE** MUST DIE! THE LEOPARD GODDESS MUST BE TAKEN FROM HER BODY OR, SHE WILL KILL AGAIN!

NO, YOU CAN NOT... PLEASE DO NOT KILL HER! I PROMISE YOU SHE WILL **NEVER BE FREE TO HURT AGAIN!**

"WE BROUGHT HER BACK TO THE HOUSE BOUND IN ROPES! IN THE MORNING SHE COULD REMEMBER NOTHING! SHE THOUGHT I HAD TIED HER UP AS SOME FORM OF CRUEL JOKE! I HAD TO TELL HER EVERYTHING...

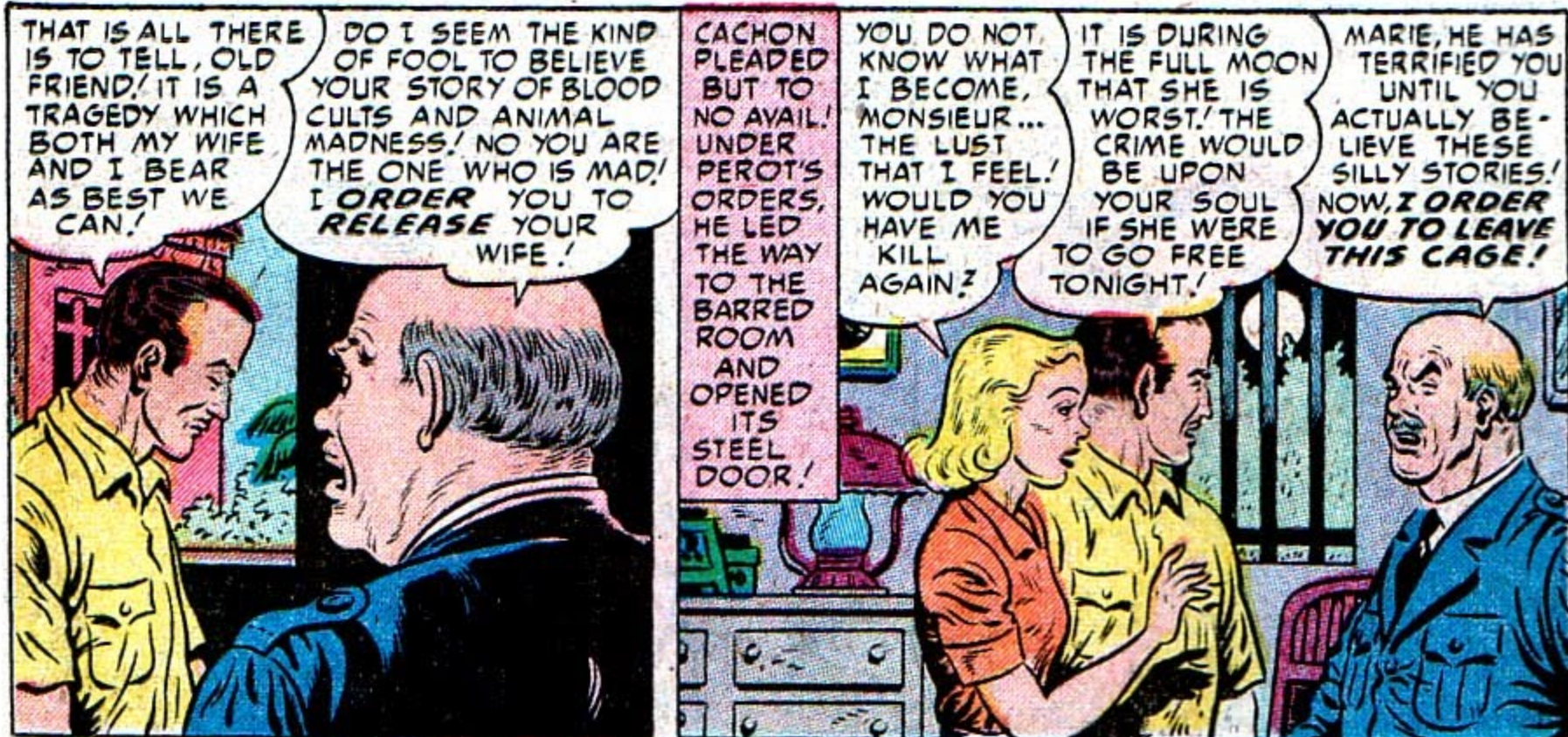
THEN... THEN I HAVE BECOME A BEAST! THE CURSE HAS FOLLOWED ME HERE! I WILL NEVER ESCAPE IT! **NEVER!**



YOU MUST BE PUT WHERE YOU CANNOT HURT YOURSELF OR ANYONE ELSE, MARIE! PERHAPS A ROOM OF THE HOUSE WITH BARS AT THE WINDOW AND DOORS...

A CAGE FOR THE ANIMAL! YES, PAUL, THAT IS JUST... PROMISE ME YOU WILL NEVER LET ME OUT WHERE THIS MADNESS CAN MAKE ME KILL AGAIN!





THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO TELL, OLD FRIEND! IT IS A TRAGEDY WHICH BOTH MY WIFE AND I BEAR AS BEST WE CAN!

DO I SEEM THE KIND OF FOOL TO BELIEVE YOUR STORY OF BLOOD CULTS AND ANIMAL MADNESS! NO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS MAD! I ORDER YOU TO RELEASE YOUR WIFE!

CACHON PLEADED BUT TO NO AVAIL! UNDER PEROT'S ORDERS, HE LED THE WAY TO THE BARRED ROOM AND OPENED ITS STEEL DOOR!

YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT I BECOME, MONSIEUR... THE LUST THAT I FEEL! WOULD YOU HAVE ME KILL AGAIN?

IT IS DURING THE FULL MOON THAT SHE IS WORST! THE CRIME WOULD BE UPON YOUR SOUL IF SHE WERE TO GO FREE TONIGHT!

MARIE, HE HAS TERRIFIED YOU UNTIL YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THESE SILLY STORIES! NOW, I ORDER YOU TO LEAVE THIS CAGE!

WHAT COULD PAUL AND MARIE CACHON DO BUT OBEY THE COLONIAL OFFICER! SOON THEY ALL WENT TO BED! PEROT DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE HAD BEEN ASLEEP WHEN HE HEARD THE CRY OF A LEOPARD AND...

HELP, HELP ME!

PAUL... HE'S... YOU'VE KILLED HIM!

NO...EEEE!

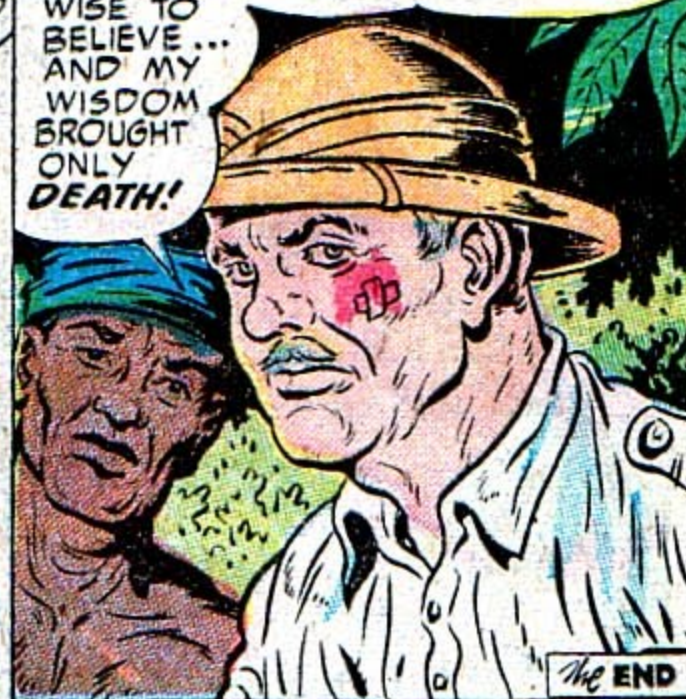


PEROT WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED! THE NEXT DAY, HE AND HIS NATIVES SET OUT TO BRING MARIE BACK! DEEP IN THE JUNGLE THEY FOUND HER BEAUTIFUL BODY TORN AND MANGLED!

DEVIL LEOPARD, B'WANA! IT KILLED HER AND TOOK THE SPIRIT OF THE LEOPARD BACK!

MON DIEU, LOOK AT THOSE TRACKS! TWICE AS BIG AS ANY LEOPARD ON EARTH COULD MAKE! AND YET...

... I SENT HER TO THIS! I KILLED HER AND PAUL AS SURELY AS IF I HAD SHOT THEM! I WAS TOO WISE TO BELIEVE... AND MY WISDOM BROUGHT ONLY DEATH!



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